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POLYSYLLABLE. *n. f.* [πολύς and συλλαβή; *poly syllable*, Fr.] A word of many syllables.

In a *poly syllable* word consider to which syllable the emphasis is to be given, and in each syllable to which letter. *Haller.*

Your high nonfence blusters and makes a noise; it talks upon hard words, and rattles through *poly syllables*. *Addison.*

POLYSYNDETON. *n. f.* [πολυσύνδετον.] A figure of rhetoric by which the copulative is often repeated: as, I came, and saw and overcame.

POLYTHEISM. *n. f.* [πολύς and θεός; *polytheism*, Fr.] The doctrine of plurality of gods.

The first author of *polytheism*, Orpheus, did plainly assert one supreme God. *Stillingfleet.*

POLYTHEIST. *n. f.* [πολύς and θεός; *polytheist*, Fr.] One that holds plurality of gods.

Some authors have falsely made the Turks, *polytheists*. *Duncomb's Life of Hughes.*

PO'MACE. *n. f.* [pomaceum, Lat.] The dross of cyder pressings. *Diſt.*

POMACEOUS. *adj.* [from *pomum*, Latin.] Consisting of apples. *Autumn.*

Ausonian hills with grapes, whilst English plains bluish with *pomaceous* harvests breathing sweets. *Philips.*

PO'MADE. *n. f.* [pomade, Fr. *pomade*, Italian.] A fragrant ointment.

PO'MANDER. *n. f.* [pomme d'ambre, Fr.] A sweet ball; a perfumed ball or powder.

I have sold all my trumpery; not a counterfeit stone, not a ribbon, glass, *pomander* or brough to keep my pack from fasting. *Shakeſp.*

They have in physick use of *pomander* and knots of powders for drying of rheums, comforting of the heart and provoking of sleep. *Bacon's Natural History.*

POMATUM. *n. f.* [Latin.] An ointment.

I gave him a little *pomatium* to dress the scab. *Wifeman.*

TO POME. *v. n.* [pommer, Fr.] To grow to a round head like an apple. *Diſt.*

POMECITRON. *n. f.* [pome and citron.] A citron apple. *Diſt.*

POMEGRANATE. *n. f.* [pomum granatum, Lat.]

1. The tree.

The flower of the *pomegranate* consists of many leaves placed in a circular order, which expand in form of a rose, whose bell-shaped multifid flower cup afterward becomes a globular fruit, having a thick, smooth, brittle rind, and is divided into several cells, which contain oblong hardy seeds, surrounded with a soft pulp. *Miller.*

It was the nightingale, and not the lark, That pierc'd the fearful hollow of thine ear; Nightly the sings on yon *pomegranate* tree. *Shakeſp.*

In times past they dyed scarlet with the seed of a *pomegranate*. *Peacocks on Drawing.*

Nor on its slender twigs Low bending be the full *pomegranate* scorn'd. *Tomson.*

PO'MEROY. *n. f.* A fort of apple. *Ansforth.*

PO'MEROYAL. *n. f.* A fort of apple. *Ansforth.*

PO'MIFEROUS. *adj.* [pomifer, Lat.] A term applied to plants which have the largest fruit, and are covered with thick hard rind, by which they are distinguished from the bacciferous, which have only a thin skin over the fruit.

All *pomiferous* herbs, pumpions, melons, gourds and cucumbers, unable to support themselves, are either endued with a faculty of twining about others, or with clasps and tendrils whereby they catch hold of them. *Ray on the Creation.*

Other fruits contain a great deal of cooling viscid juice, combined with a nitrous salt, such are many of the low *pomiferous* kind, as cucumbers and pompions. *Arbut. on Aliments.*

PO'MMEL. *n. f.* [pommeau, Fr. *pomme*, Italian; *appel* van t' suards, Dutch.]

1. A round ball or knob.

Like *pommels* round of marble clear, Where azur'd veins well mixt appear. *Sidney, b. ii.*

Huram finished the two pillars and the *pommels*, and the chapters which were on the top of the two pillars. *2 Chron.*

2. The knob that balances the blade of the sword.

His chief enemy offered to deliver the *pommel* of his sword in token of yielding. *Sidney.*

3. The protuberant part of the saddle before.

The starting steed was seiz'd with sudden fright, And bounding, o'er the *pommel* cast the knight. *Dryden.*

TO P'MMEL. *v. a.* [This word seems to come from *pommeler*, Fr. to variegate.] To beat with any thing thick or bulky, to beat black and blue; to bruise; to punch.

POMP. *n. f.* [pompa, Latin.]

1. Splendour; pride.

Take physick, *pomp*, Expose thyself to feel what wretches feel. *Shakeſp.*

2. A procession of splendour and ostentation.

The bright *pomp* ascended jubilant. *Milton.*

All eyes you draw, and with the eyes the heart; Of your own *pomp* yourself the greatest part. *Dryden.*

Such a numerous and innocent multitude, clothed in the

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charity of their benefactors, was a more beautiful expression of joy and thanksgiving, than could have been exhibited by all the *pomps* of a Roman triumph. *Addison's Guardian.*

PO'MPHOLYX. *n. f.*

Pompholyx is a white, light and very friable substance, found in crusts adhering to the domes of the furnaces and to the covers of the large crucibles, in which brass is made either from a mixture of copper and lapis calaminaris, or of copper and zink. *Hill's Materia Medica.*

POMPRION. *n. f.* [pompon, Fr.] A pumpkin. A sort of large fruit. *Diſt.*

PO'MPIRE. *n. f.* [pompiet and pyrus, Lat.] A fort of pearmain. *An.*

POMPOUS. *adj.* [pompeux, Fr.] Splendid; magnificent; grand.

What flatt'ring scenes our wand'ring fancy wrought, Rome's *pompous* glories rising to our thought. *Pope.*

An inscription in the ancient way, plain, *pompous*, yet modest, will be best. *Atterbury to Pope.*

PO'MPOUSLY. *adv.* [from *pompous*.] Magnificently; splendidly.

What'er can urge ambitious youth to fight, She *pompously* displays before their fight. *Dryden.*

PO'MPOUSNESS. *n. f.* [from *pompous*.] Magnificence; splendour; showiness; ostentatiousness.

The English and French raise their language with metaphors, or by the *pompousness* of the whole phrase wear off any littleness that appears in the particular parts. *Addison.*

POND. *n. f.* [supposed to be the same with *pond*; pinban, Sax. to shut up.] A small pool or lake of water; a basin; water not running or emitting any stream.

In the midst of all the place was a fair *pond*, whose shal- ing crystal was a perfect mirror to all the other beauties, so that it bare shew of two gardens. *Sidney.*

Through bogs and mires, and oft through *pond* or pool, There swallow'd up. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. ix.*

Had marine bodies been found in only one place, it might have been suspected, that the sea was, what the Caspian is, a great *pond* or lake, confined to one part. *Woodward.*

His building is a town, His *pond* an ocean. *Pope.*

TO POND. *v. a.* To ponder. A corrupt obsolete word.

O my liege lord, the god of my life, Pleadeth you *pond* your suppliant's plaint. *Spenser.*

TO PONDER. *v. a.* [ponder, Latin.] To weigh mentally; to consider; to attend.

Mary kept all these things, and *ponder'd* them in her heart. *Luke ii. 19.*

Colours, popularities and circumstances sway the ordinary judgment, not fully *pondering* the matter. *Bacon.*

This *ponder*, that all nations of the earth Shall in his seed be blessed. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. xii.*

Intend he seem'd, *Pond'ring* future things of wondrous weight. *Dryden.*

TO P'NDER. *v. n.* To think; to muse. With *en*. This is an improper use of the word.

This tempest will not give me leave to *ponder* On things would hurt me more. *Shakeſp. King Lear.*

Whom, *pond'ring* thus on human miseries, When Venus saw, her heav'nly fire bespoke. *Dryden.*

PO'NDERAL. *adj.* [from *pondus*, Lat.] Estimated by weight; distinguished from numeral.

Thus did the money drachma in process of time decrease; but all the while we may suppose the *ponderal* drachma to have continued the same, just as it has happened to us, as well as our neighbours, whose *ponderal* libra remains as it was, though the nummery hath much decreased. *Arbutnot.*

PONDERABLE. *adj.* [from *pondus*, Lat.] Capable to be weighed; measurable by scales.

The bite of an asp will kill within an hour, yet the impression is scarce visible, and the poison communicated not *ponderable*. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*

PONDERATION. *n. f.* [from *pondus*, Latin] The act of weighing.

While we perspire, we absorb the outward air, and the quantity of perspired matter, found by *ponderation*, is only the difference between that and the air imbibed. *Arbutnot.*

PO'NDERER. *n. f.* [from *ponder*.] He who ponders.

PONDEROSITY. *n. f.* [from *ponderosus*.] Weight; gravity; heaviness.

Crytal will sink in water, as carrying in its own bulk a greater *ponderosity* than the space in any water it doth occupy. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*

Gold is remarkable for its admirable ductility and *ponderosity*, wherein it excels all other bodies. *Ray.*

PONDEROUS. *adj.* [ponderosus, from *pondus*, Lat.]

1. Heavy; weighty.

It is more difficult to make gold, which is the most *ponderous* and materiate amongst metals, of other metals less *ponderous* and materiate, than, *via versa*, to make silver of lead or quicksilver; both which are more *ponderous* than silver. *Bacon.*

His *pond'rous* shield behind him cast. *Milton.*

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Upon laying a weight in one of the scales, inscribed eternally, though I threw in that of time, prosperity, affliction, wealth and poverty, which seemed very *ponderous*, they were not able to stir the opposite balance. *Addison.*

Because all the parts of an undistributed fluid are of equal gravity, or gradually placed according to the difference of it, any concretion, that can be supposed to be naturally made in such a fluid, must be all over of a similar gravity, or have the more *ponderous* parts nearer to its basis. *Bentley's Sermons.*

2. Important; momentous.

If your more *ponderous* and fettl'd project May suffer alteration, I'll point you. *Shakeſp.*

Where you shall have receiving shall become you. *Shakeſp.*

3. Forcible; strongly impulsive.

Imagination hath more force upon things living, than things inanimate; and upon light and subtle motions, than upon motions vehement or *ponderous*. *Bacon.*

Impatient of her load, And lab'ring underneath the *pond'rous* god, The more she strove to shake him from her breast, With far superior force he press'd. *Dryden.*

Press'd with the *pond'rous* blow, Down sinks the ship within th' abyss below. *Dryden.*

PONDEROUSLY. *adv.* [from *ponderosus*.] With great weight.

PONDEROUSNESS. *n. f.* [from *ponderosus*.] Heaviness; weight; gravity.

The oil and spirit place themselves under or above one another, according as their *ponderousness* makes them swim or sink. *Boyle.*

PO'NDWEED. *n. f.* A plant.

PON'NT. *adj.* [ponente, Italian.] Western.

Thwart of thee, as fierce, Forth rush the levand and the *ponent* winds. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. x.*

PO'NIARD. *n. f.* [poignard, Fr. *pugio*, Lat.] A dagger; a short stabbing weapon.

She speaks *poniards*, and every word stabs. *Shakeſp.*

Melpomene would be represented, in her right hand a naked *poniard*. *Peacocks on Drawing.*

Poniards hand to hand Be banish'd from the field, that none shall dare With shotted sword to stab in clover war. *Dryden.*

TO PO'NIARD. *v. a.* [poignardier, French.] To stab with a poniard.

PONK. *n. f.* [Of this word I know not the original.] A nocturnal spirit; a hag.

Ne let the *ponk*, nor other evil frights, Ne let mischievous witches. *Spenser.*

PO'NTAGE. *n. f.* [pons pontis, bridge.] Duty paid for the reparation of bridges.

In right of the church, they were formerly by the common law discharged from *pontage* and murage. *Aylife.*

PONTIFF. *n. f.* [pontifex, Fr. *pontifex*, Latin.]

1. A priest; a high priest.

Livy relates, that there were found two coffins, whereof the one contained the body of Numa, and the other, his books of ceremonies, and the discipline of the *pontiffs*. *Bacon.*

2. The pope.

PONTIFICAL. *adj.* [pontifical, Fr. *pontificalis*, Lat.]

1. Belonging to an high priest.

2. Popish.

It were not amiss to answer by a herald the next *pontifical* attempt, rather sending defiance than publishing answers. *Ral.*

The *pontifical* authority is as much superior to the regal, as the sun is greater than the moon. *Baker.*

3. Splendid; magnificent.

Thus did I keep my person fresh and new, My presence, like a robe *pontifical*, Ne'er seen, but wonder'd at. *Shakeſp. Henry IV.*

4. [From *pons* and *facis*.] Bridge-building. This sense is, I believe, peculiar to *Milton*, and perhaps was intended as an equivocal satire on popery.

Now had they brought the work by wond'rous art *Pontifical*, a ridge of pendent rock Over the vex'd abyss. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. x.*

PONTIFICAL. *n. f.* [pontifical, Lat.] A book containing rites and ceremonies ecclesiastical.

What the Greek and Latin churches did, may be seen in *pontificals*, containing the forms for consecrations. *South.*

By the *pontifical*, no altar is to be consecrated without reliques. *Stillingfleet.*

PONTIFICALLY. *adv.* [from *pontifical*.] In a pontifical manner.

PONTIFICATE. *n. f.* [pontifex, Fr. *pontifexatus*, Lat.] Papacy; popedom.

He turned hermit in the view of being advanced to the *pontificate*. *Addison.*

Painting, sculpture and architecture may all recover themselves under the present *pontificate*, if the wars of Italy will give them leave. *Addison's Remarks on Italy.*

PONTIFICE. *n. f.* [pons and facio.] Bridgework; edifice of a bridge.

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He, at the brink of Chaos, near the foot Of this new wond'rous *pontifice*, unhop'd Met his offspring dear. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. x.*

PO'UTLEVIS. *n. f.* In horsemanship, is a disorderly resisting action of a horse in disobedience to his rider, in which he rears up several times running, and rises up to upon his hind-legs, that he is in danger of coming over. *Bailey.*

PO'NTON. *n. f.* [French.]

Ponton is a floating bridge or invention to pass over water: it is made of two great boats placed at some distance from one another, both planked over, as is the interval between them, with rails on their sides: the whole so strongly built as to carry over horse and cannon. *Military Dict.*

The black prince passed many a river without the help of *pontons*. *Speclator, N° 165.*

PO'NTY. *n. f.* [I know not the original of this word.] A small horse.

POOL. *n. f.* [pul, Saxon; pool, Dutch.] A lake of standing water. Mofs, as it cometh of moisture, so the water must but slide, and not stand in a *pool*. *Bacon.*

Sea he had search'd, and land, From Eden over Pontus, and the *pool* *Milton's Par. Lost, b. ix.*

Maotis. Love oft to virtuous acts inflames the mind, Awakes the sleepy vigour of the soul, And brushing o'er, adds vigour to the *pool*. *Dryden.*

The circling streams, once thought the *poole* of blood, From dark oblivion Harvey's name shall save. *Dryden.*

After the deluge, we suppose the valleys and lower grounds, where the descent and derivation of the water was not so easy, to have been full of lakes and *poole*. *Burnet.*

POOR. *n. f.* [pauper, Fr. *pupis*, Lat.] The hindmost part of the ship.

Some sat upon the top of the *poop* weeping and wailing, till the sea swallowed them. *Sidney, b. ii.*

The *poop* was beaten gold. *Shakeſp. Ant. and Cleop.*

Perceiving that the pigeon had only lost a piece of her tail through the next opening of the rocks, they passed safe, only the end of their *poop* was bruited. *Raleigh.*

He was openly set upon the *poop* of the gally. *Knolles.*

With wind in *poop*, the vessel ploughs the sea, And measures back with speed her former way. *Dryden.*

POOR. *adj.* [pauper, Fr. *poore*, Spanish.]

1. Not rich; indigent; necessitous; oppressed with want.

Poor cuckoldly knave.—I wrong him to call him *poor*; they say he hath masses of money. *Shakeſpeare.*

Who builds a church to God, and not to fame, Will never mark the marble with his name; Go search it there, where to be born and die, Of rich and *poor* makes all the history. *Pope.*

2. Trifling; narrow; of little dignity, force or value.

A conservatory of snow and ice used for delicacy to cool wine, is a *poor* and contemptible use, in respect of other uses that may be made of it. *Bacon's Natural History.*

How *poor* are the imitations of nature in common course of experiments, except they be led by great judgment. *Bacon.*

When he delights in sin, as he observes it in other men, he is wholly transformed from the creature God first made him; nay, has consumed those *poor* remainders of good that the sin of Adam left him. *South.*

That I have wronged no man, will be a *poor* plea or apology at the last day; for it is not for rapin, that men are formally impeached and finally condemned; but I was an hungry, and ye gave me no meat. *Calamy's Sermons.*

3. Paltry; mean; contemptible.

A *poor* number it was to conquer Ireland to the pope's use. *Bacon.*

And if that wisdom still wife ends propound, Why made he man, of other creatures, king; When, if he perish here, there is not found In all the world to *poor* and vile a thing? *Davies.*

The marquis, making haste to Scarborough, embarked in a *poor* vessel. *Clarendon, b. viii.*

We have seen how *poor* and contemptible a force has been raised by those who appeared openly. *Addis. Freeholder.*

4. Unimportant.

To be without power or distinction, is not, in my *poor* opinion, a very amiable situation to a person of title. *Swift.*

5. Unhappy; uneasy.

Vext sailors curse the rain, For which *poor* shepherds pray'd in vain. *Waller.*

Vain privilege, *poor* woman have a tongue; Men can stand silent, and resolve on wrong. *Dryden.*

6. Mean; depressed; low; dejected.

A footfayer made Antonius believe, that his genius, which otherwise was brave, was, in the presence of Octavianus, *poor* and cowardly. *Bacon.*

7. [A word of tenderness.] Dear.

Poor, little, pretty, flutt'ring thing, Must we no longer live together? And dost thou prune thy trembling wing, To take thy flight thou know'st not whither? *Prior*